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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DISCUSSIONS WITH JCAB ON U.S. SUPPLEMENTALS'
FLIGHTS

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1. SUMMARY: WE APPEAR ABLE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF JCAB FOR
SUPPLEMENTALS AUGUST/SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
TECHNICAL STOPS FOR WORLD'S ROUND-THE-WORLD PROGRAM OWING TO 2 SLOTS
PER CHARTER CARRIER PER DAY RULE. THESE AIRCRAFT ALSO APPEAR
UNABLE TO USE CHITOSE AIRPORT OWING TO WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS. WORLD
IS NOW THINKING OF ROUTING THESE AIRCRAFT THROUGH SEOUL. JCAB ALSO
CANNOT YET GIVE FORMAL ASSURANCE OF OCTOBER SLOTS AT HANEDA BUT
HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY THESE OPERATIONS SHOULD BE OK IF NO
MORE THAN 2 SLOTS ARE REQUIRED IN ANY ONE DAY. REQUEST GUIDANCE
WHETHER WE SHOULD OBTAIN WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING FROM JCAB AND, IF
SO, AUTHORIZATION FOR HORNEMAN TO REMAIN IN TOKYO UNTIL NEXT
WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER THREE SESSIONS OF DISCUSSIONS AND SOME ADJUSTMENT OF
ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES, WE APPEAR ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH
THE JCAB FOR APPROVAL OF TIA'S AND WORLD'S AUGUST/SEPTEMBER
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PROGRAMS EXCEPT FOR SIX TECHNICAL STOPS OF WORLD'S ROUND-THE-
WORLD PROGRAM AS THESE STOPS WOULD PUT THE CARRIER OVER THE 2
SLOTS ALLOWED ANY ONE CHARTER CARRIER PER DAY. JCAB APPEARS
UNWILLING TO BUDGE FROM THIS RULE AND USING CHITOSE AIRPORT
(SAPPORO) ALSO APPEARS UNFEASIBLE AS THE TAKE-OFF WEIGHT OF
WORLD'S AIRCRAFT (APPROX. 320,000 LBS.) EXCEEDS
THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RUNWAY WEIGHT OF 270,000. JCAB CANNOT GIVE

FORMAL ASSURANCE OF OCTOBER SLOTS UNTIL AFTER MID-AUGUST BUT HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE WORLD'S PROGRAM PROVIDED THE MORE THAN 2 SLOT A DAY PROBLEM DOES NOT ARISE.

3. WORLD AIRWAYS VP COOKE IS ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE IMMEDIATELY LEST THE JCAB SUBSEQUENTLY RAISE QUESTIONS RE THE CHARTERWORTHINESS OF WORLD'S ORIENT ADVENTURE GROUP AND WILL TELEPHONE OAKLAND HEADQUARTERS AUGUST 3 TO OBTAIN THEIR CONCURRENCE IN ROUTING THE ROUND-THE-WORLD TECHNICAL STOPS TO SEOUL. ASSUMING THAT OAKLAND IS AGGREEABLE TO THIS, COOKE, WHO HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NACA'S DRISCOLL, WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN A WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING FROM THE JCAB THAT THE REST OF THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS WILL BE APPROVED AND THAT THE JCAB FORESEES NO DIFFICULTIES IN APPROVING THE OTHER OCTOBER OPERATIONS.

4. EMBASSY THINKS THAT, IF WORLD IS WILLING TO ROUTE ITS TECHNICAL STOPS THROUGH SEOUL, WE CAN SECURE DEFINITE JCAB APPROVAL OF AUGUST SEPTEMBER OPERATIONS AND RECEIVE INFORMAL ASSURANCE OF OCTOBER SLOTS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. OBTAINING THIS AGREEMENT IN WRITING COULD TAKE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK, NECESSITATING HORNEMAN'S HOLDING OVER IN TOKYO. REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT'S AND CAB'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER A WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING IS NECESSARY AND, IF SO, WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK IT NOW, ALTHOUGH THE LANGUAGE RE OCTOBER OPERATIONS WOULD BE INDEFINITE, CONFIDENTIAL

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OR WAIT UNTIL AFTER MID-AUGUST WHEN THE JCAB CAN GRANT FORMAL APPROVAL. IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT, EVEN IF WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING INCORPORATING AN INFORMAL ASSURANCE OF OCTOBER SLOTS IS OBTAINED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, OFF-ROUTE RESTRICTIONS ON JAL SHOULD NOT BE LIFTED UNTIL FORMAL JCAB APPROVAL IS GRANTED AROUND AUGUST 20. ADVISE SOONEST.

5. FYI: WORLD HAS ALSO TOLD US THEY PLAN TO OPERATE 4 JAPAN ORIGIN AFFINITY CHARTERS TO LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER/JANUARY. MANSFIELD

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